

State of Alaska FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Fire Service Training Component Budget Summary

Component: Fire Service Training

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Component Mission

To prepare, and support local fire and rescue agencies in emergency response activity.

Component Services Provided

- Training and certification of local fire and emergency responders.
- Adoption of national fire training standards and the development of curriculum based on those standards.
- Accreditation of emergency response training programs based on national training standards.
- Technical assistance to communities regarding the organization, training, and response capabilities of their local departments.
- Management of U.S. Fire Administration programs for Alaska including all National Fire Academy courses and the Anti-Terrorism Response Training program.
- Training of Alaska Emergency Response groups including the U.S. Coast Guard shipboard firefighters, Cruise Line fire response teams, and other industrial fire brigade response teams.
- Provide fire and emergency response information management and statistics.

Component Goals and Strategies

- Enforcement of all laws and ordinances under AS 18.70.000-18.70.100 relating to fires, fire prevention and protection.
- Administer the state fire service training program.
- Administer the emergency responder certification program.
- Develop and adopt new training and certification programs.
- Accredite local department training programs to meet state and national training standards.
- Administer the Alaska fire incident reporting program, and prepare and disseminate related information and statistics.
- Provide assistance and support to the Alaska Fire Standards Council.
- Provide fire and emergency response training for the Village Public Safety Officers.
- Encourage fire prevention education.
- Administer the fire grants program.
- Provide training of various Alaska emergency response groups including the U.S. Coast Guard shipboard firefighters, cruise line fire response teams, and other industrial fire brigade response teams.

Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004

- Until the Alaska Fire Standards Council is funded the Fire Service Training component will continue to assume the functions and responsibilities of the council. These functions include accreditation of local fire department training programs, certification of fire fighters and instructors and assistance to develop new certifications based on national standards.
- Capabilities of small rural fire departments are in need of improvement. This is best accomplished through support of programs such as the Rural Basic Firefighter program supported by Alaska Village Initiatives.
- If the FY 2004 Increased Variable Benefit Costs in Working Reserve and PERS rates are not funded, classes to local fire departments and first responders will be reduced.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2002

In FY2002 Fire Service Training accomplished the following:

- Provided training for over 2,500 firefighters and provided certification of Alaska's emergency responders at the following levels:

Certification Levels	Numbers Certified
Firefighter I and II	542
Industrial Firefighter	12
Marine Firefighter	9
Fire Officer I	7
Fire Instructor	53
Rural Basic Firefighter	53
Fire Investigator	11

- Assisted the following local fire departments in meeting their training accreditation goals:

Anchor Point Fire Dept	Kenai Fire Dept.
Anchorage Airport Fire Dept.	Ketchikan Fire Dept.
Anchorage Fire Dept.	Mat-Su Borough Public Safety Dept.
Arco/Phillips Fire Dept.	Nikiski Fire Dept.
Barrow Fire Dept.	North Pole Fire Dept.
Bethel Fire Dept.	North Star Fire Dept.
British Petroleum Fire Dept.	Palmer Fire Dept.
Capital City Fire/Rescue	PRISM Fire Training Center
Central Emergency Services	Seward Fire Dept.
Central Mat-Su Fire Dept.	Skagway Fire Dept.
Chena-Goldstream Fire Dept.	Steese Area Fire Dept.
Chugiak Fire Dept.	Univ. of AK Fire Science Program
Cordova Fire Dept.	University of AK Fire Dept.
Girdwood Fire Dept	Valdez Fire Dept.
Homer Fire Dept.	

- Provided basic and advanced fire and emergency response training to urban and rural communities;

- Received fire and emergency incident reports from departments across the state and processed them for inclusion into the national fire incident database and provided feedback reports to departments and user groups based on this incident data;
- Assisted the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association and the Alaska State Firefighters Association in the preparation and delivery of their statewide training conferences;
- Provided fire training to the new Village Public Safety Officers at the Public Safety Academy;
- Provided Rural Basic Firefighter Training to six communities (Golovin, Kwethluk, Old Harbor, Quinhagak, Selawik, and St. Michael) under a training contract from Alaska Village Initiatives;
- Developed certification standards and curriculum for certification at the Airport Firefighter, Rural Basic Firefighter, and Fire Instructor I and II levels.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

- (1) Arson Information (AS 21.89.050)
- (2) Criminal Law (AS 11.46.400-490)
- (3) Fire Prevention (AS 18.70.010 - 18.70.300)
- (4) Reporting of Certain Injuries (AS 08.64.369)
- (5) State Aid to volunteer fire departments not in organized municipality (AS 29.60.130)
- (6) State Regulation of Fireworks (AS 18.72.010 - 18.72.060)

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2002 Actuals	FY2003 Authorized	FY2004 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	376.7	397.9	480.6
72000 Travel	222.9	339.1	339.1
73000 Contractual	82.6	163.5	521.9
74000 Supplies	121.9	158.2	283.0
75000 Equipment	12.4	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	816.5	1,058.7	1,624.6
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	74.1	160.0	161.3
1004 General Fund Receipts	365.3	374.1	396.4
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	47.2	26.5	26.6
1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts	7.9	0.0	0.0
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	260.8	381.5	921.4
1156 Receipt Supported Services	61.2	116.6	118.9
Funding Totals	816.5	1,058.7	1,624.6

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004

The Legislature approved an RPL in FY2003 for Alaska Rural Village Fire Suppression Capabilities. This RPL provided authority to receive and expend \$290.0 Statutory Designated Program Receipts from Alaska Village Initiatives (AVI) to conduct critically needed fire training in 29 rural communities in Alaska. This project is also known by the AVI project name of "Code Red".

It is anticipated that this project will continue in FY2004, and an increment is being requested in the amount of \$520.0 to provide the authority to receive and expend Statutory Designated Program Receipts to conduct this fire training in 52 additional villages during FY2004.

Upon approval of the increment, Fire Service Training will provide logistical support, equipment, and training knowledge for the entire training element. The increment includes funding for one part-time, long-term, non-perm fire training specialist position.

Summary of Component Budget Changes

From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2003 Authorized	374.1	160.0	524.6	1,058.7
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Annualize FY2003 COLA for General Government and Supervisory Bargaining Units	0.0	0.4	1.1	1.5
-Transfer from AST Detachments to Fund Telecommunication and Computer Svcs Billing Methodologies	15.2	0.0	0.0	15.2
Proposed budget increases:				
-Add 1 Seasonal Administrative Clerk II (12-#051) to Assist with Training Coordination (SDPR)	0.0	0.0	19.1	19.1
-Add 1 NP Fire Training Spec (12-N504) and Funding for AK Village Fire Suppression Training (SDPR)	0.0	0.0	520.0	520.0
-Increased Variable Benefit Costs: Working Reserve and PERS Rates	7.1	0.9	2.1	10.1
FY2004 Governor	396.4	161.3	1,066.9	1,624.6

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Personal Services Information

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2004</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	5	5	Annual Salaries	332,329
Part-time	0	1	Premium Pay	22,113
Nonpermanent	0	1	Annual Benefits	135,826
			<i>Less 1.97% Vacancy Factor</i>	(9,668)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	5	7	Total Personal Services	480,600

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Administrative Clerk II	0	0	1	0	1
Administrative Clerk III	1	0	0	0	1
Fire Training Admin	1	0	0	0	1
Fire Training Specialist	2	1	1	0	4
Totals	4	1	2	0	7